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SUBJECT: ARREST OF PERCY PAYTON

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1. BARFIELD VISITED SS JOHN PENN AND PRISONER PERCY PAYTON IN KEELUNG SATURDAY AFTERNOON. TALKED TO CAPTAIN JAMES POTTER AND FOUR MEMBERS OF CREW FROM WHOM STATEMENTS WERE TAKEN BY CHINESE LAWYER RETAINED BY LOCAL AGENT FOR THAT PURPOSE. ON BASIS OBSERVATIONS AND FACT THAT CAPTAIN HAD INITIALLY REQUESTED COAST GUARD INVESTIGATION AS WELL AS SIMILAR REQUEST FROM TAIPEI AGENT, EMBASSY HAS REQUESTED ON SITE INVESTIGATION FROM U.S. NAVY INVESTIGATIONS UNIT WITH FULL COOPERATION CHINESE POLICE. DEPARTURE OF SHIP POSTPONED FROM MONDAY AFTERNOON TO WEDNESDAY MORNING.

2. PERCY PAYTON, WHO IS NOW DETAINED IN KEELUNG JAIL, HAS SELECTED LAWYER FROM LIST SUPPLIED BY EMBASSY. HE REQUESTED THAT HIS MOTHER, WILLIE MAE STEWARD, BE ADVISED AT 257 1/2 RYLAND STREET, MOBILE, ALABAMA 36683. EMBASSY WILL SEND LETTER BUT DEPARTMENT, IN ITS DISCRETION, MAY WISH TO ADVISE BY TELEPHONE OR TELEGRAM.

3. JULIO MAYORGA SIGNED OFF BY CAPTAIN AT CONSULAR SECTION AFTERNOON NOVEMBER 19. LATTER WILL RETAIN EFFECTS DECEASED FOR FINAL DISPOSITION CARE OF FEDERAL COURT. INVESTIGATION
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REPORT WILL BE FORWARDED ASAP.

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